

CLAIM OR CLAIMS

1. A communication system for providing face-to-face interactive real time text messaging, the system comprising:

(a) a first and a second terminal, each terminal having a keyboard for entering text and a display for displaying entered and received text, each terminal configured to transmit and receive text from the other terminal, the first terminal configured to delete text received and displayed by the second terminal; and

(b) a communication link between the first terminal and the second terminal, the communication link configured to enable communication between the first and the second terminal in a face to face position and preclude communication beyond a face to face position.

2. The communication system of Claim 1, wherein the first and the second terminals are configured to precede each displayed line of text with an identifier of the sending terminal.

3. The communication system of Claim 1, wherein the communication link includes a cable having a length to place the first and second terminals in the face-to-face position.

4. A method providing two way interactive text messaging, the method comprising:

- (a) locating a first and a second terminal in a face to face position;
- (b) keying text into the first terminal;
- (c) displaying the keyed text at the first terminal;
- (d) transmitting the displayed text from the first terminal to the second terminal;
- (e) displaying the transmitted text at the second terminal in conjunction with a first terminal identifier; and
- (f) deleting displayed text at the second terminal in response to a command from the first terminal.

5. A method providing two way interactive text messaging, the method comprising:

- (a) locating a first and a second terminal in a face to face position;

- (b) selecting one of a first set of predefined messages in the first terminal by a first associated shortcut key;
- (c) displaying the selected text at the first terminal;
- (d) transmitting the displayed text from the first terminal to the second terminal;
- (e) displaying the transmitted text at the second terminal in conjunction with a first terminal identifier; and
- (f) selecting one of a different second set of predefined messages in the second terminal by a second associated shortcut key.

6. The method of Claim 5, further comprising editing the selected message at the first terminal prior to transmitting to the second terminal.

7. The method of Claim 5, further comprising deleting, in response to a command from the first terminal, all previously transmitted and received messages between the first and the second terminal.

8. The method of Claim 5, further comprising printing the previously transmitted and received messages between the first and the second terminal to include a signature line.

9. The method of Claim 5, further comprising displaying a predetermined message from the first terminal only on the second terminal in response to a command at the first terminal.

10. A face-to-face text communication system comprising:

- (a) a first terminal having a first keyboard and a first display;
- (b) a second terminal having a second keyboard and a second display, both the first terminal and the second terminal configured to transmit and receive text from and to each other, the first terminal configured to invoke a predetermined display on the second terminal without displaying the predetermined display on the first terminal.

11. The communication system of Claim 10, wherein one the first terminal and the second terminal is configured to delete text received at the remaining terminal.

12. A face-to-face text communication system comprising:

- (a) a first terminal having a first keyboard and a first display;

(b) a computer having a second keyboard and a second display, both the first terminal and the computer configured to transmit and receive text from and to each other, the first terminal configured to invoke a predetermined display on the computer without displaying the predetermined display on the first terminal.

13. The communication system of Claim 12, wherein one the first terminal and the computer is configured to delete text received at the remaining terminal.

14. A communication system for providing face-to-face interactive real time text messaging, the system comprising:

(a) a first and a second terminal, each terminal having a keyboard for entering text and a display for displaying entered and received text, each terminal configured to transmit and receive text from the other terminal, each terminal including translating programming for translating entered text from a first language to a different second language; and

(b) a communication link between the first terminal and the second terminal, the communication link configured to enable communication between the first and the second terminal in a face to face position and preclude communication beyond a face to face position.

15. The communication system of Claim 14, wherein the first terminal is configured to display a predetermined message on the second terminal without displaying the predetermined message on the first terminal.